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tain stated times during the year, there being comparatively few pilgrims at other times. This wholesale segregation before embarkation is carried out only in the case of pilgrims. The examinations are made by a considerable corps of trained workers.

The same indifferent attitude toward the escape of rats from the wharf on to steamers prevails here as has been reported to you by Passed Assistant Surgeon Sprague in Calcutta. I have been very carefully through the magnificent docks here—the Prince's Dock and the Victoria Dock (the former with an area of 30 acres and a quayage of 5,960 linear feet; the latter with an area of 24 acres and a quayage of 7,425 linear feet), and in no single case have I seen any appliance in use for the prevention of rats passing on board. The vessels are moored directly alongside the docks, and gangways are thrown on to the shore which can be found open constantly.

JAPAN.

Reports from Yokohama—Sanitary conditions good.

Assistant Surgeon Moore reports, January 1 and 8, as follows:

During the week ended December 26, 1903, one vessel having a personnel of 46 crew was inspected.

The prefectoral office being closed at this season no official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama for the above period has been received. It is believed that the sanitary condition of Yokohama and Japan in general continues good.

During the week ended January 2, 1904, 4 vessels, having an aggregate personnel of 470 crew and 557 passengers, were inspected; 243 steerage and 19 crew were bathed and their clothing was disinfected. No official report of contagious diseases in Yokohama has been received for the above period, but it is believed that the sanitary condition of Yokohama and of Japan in general continues good.

Immigrants for Honolulu and San Francisco recommended for rejection.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Korea*, for Honolulu, January 7, 1904, 4.

Number of immigrants recommended for rejection on steamship *Korea*, for San Francisco, January 7, 1904, 1.

MALTA.

Quarantine against Alexandria and Damietta removed.

Consul Grout reports, December 31, as follows: By order of the local government, quarantine restrictions which have hitherto been imposed against arrivals at that port from Alexandria and Damietta, Egypt, have been removed.

PANAMA.

Reports from city of Panama—Unsanitary conditions—Yellow fever.

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, January 18, as follows: The general health of the city of Panama, week ended January 16, 1904, is